
Bexar County Animal Care Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2025

Members Present

Susan Beldon, Kim Canchucaja, Dr. Lauren Dosal, Kathie Haikey, Angela Nand, and Pastor Rob Johnson.

Members Absent

Shelia Boudreau, Dr. Lisa Rodriguez, and Juan Vasquez.

Staff Present

Veronica Flores Malagon, Jacy Elrod, Dr. Andrea Guerrero, Stan Jordan, Dr. Stephanie Barker, Jennifer Luna, Chelsea Serra, and Rachel Doran.

Summary

The meeting covered various topics, including introductions, the distribution of Narcan for small businesses to combat opioid overdoses, and a presentation on Bexar County Animal Facility history and operations. Key points included the importance of Narcan and a detailed presentation from Jacy Elrod. The animal care facility's staffing grew from five to eight, and the team handled 2,425 spay/neuter procedures in 2024, with 2025 projections for 2,500 procedures. The facility also provided medical care for injured animals, including surgeries and rehabilitation, and emphasized the importance of public health and safety through animal care education and animal control practices.

- a. Chair, Susan Beldon, called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.
- b. Quorum established with six of nine board members present.
- c. Board members and staff introduced themselves and shared brief background information and one interesting fact about themselves.
- d. Narcan Distribution through Bexar County Small Business & Entrepreneurship Department (SBED). Linda Papayanopolus gave a brief presentation about SBED services which include workshops and services for entrepreneurs, vendors, and small business owners.



- e. The SBED team is distributing Narcan as part of first aid kits for small businesses to address opioid overdoses. Narcan is a nasal spray that reverses opioid overdoses. It also leads to increased effectiveness in treatment and recovery rates.
- f. Linda reiterated the availability of Narcan kits and training opportunities, encouraging businesses and individuals to take advantage of these resources. Several board members signed up and took Narcan boxes.
- g. The question was asked if Narcan is effective with dogs. On the following day, Dr. Dosal confirmed that Narcan is effective with dogs, and sent the board and staff a link to an instructional video.
- h. Chair Susan Beldon discussed the officer roles and introduced Vice Chair Angela Nand and Secretary Kim Canchucaja.
- i. Jacy Elrod presented the history and operations of the Bexar County Animal Facility (BCAF). She shared a PowerPoint presentation which included the history of BCAF staffing, current staff, success stories, and surgeries.
- j. Dr. Barker shared how she views the staff as a resourceful and united team due to Jacy's leadership, diligence, and expertise.
- k. Jacy presented the intake-to-outcome process from entry points to outcomes. One of the most important takeaways is that BCAF does not euthanize due to overcrowding. The staff has worked hard over the past 8 years to establish relationships with individuals and animal rescue groups to place animals in foster homes.
- l. Jacy also shared data about the live release and live outcomes numbers from FY21 through FY25 and future projections.
- m. Public Information Officer, Jennifer Luna, introduced herself and shared her role and responsibilities. She presented information on how the board can continue to support the BCAF and staff.
- n. Some of these recommendations include: encourage animal fostering and adoption, promote BCAF adoption and vaccination events, share BCAF wish lists with networks, source donations, refer public to the BCAF website, and share social media with stakeholders.
- o. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm